

<1/22/19 Strike Update> Strike Ends with Tentative Agreement + Charter Implications and Advocacy Next Steps

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Dear Los Angeles Charter Leaders,

UTLA has announced that its members have ratified the tentative agreement. This agreement still needs to be voted on by the board, but teachers have indicated they will be back to work tomorrow. However, please be prepared for potential actions or protests given indications that some teachers, concentrated at specific school sites, did not vote in a majority to ratify their contract.

We write to notify you of the end of the UTLA strike in LAUSD schools and the details of the agreement, including a problematic resolution on charter policy that will come from the LAUSD Board of Education next Tuesday. The days ahead will determine much about how the contract agreement will affect charter schools in LAUSD and throughout the state, and **we are preparing to mobilize the Los Angeles charter community against any provisions that could cause harm to our schools or misrepresent the important work you do.**

A deal was reached in the early hours of this morning and approved by a majority of UTLA members tonight, effectively ending the strike. In a press conference at 9:30AM, the Mayor, UTLA President, and Superintendent held a press conference to announce that they had reached a deal after an overnight session at the bargaining table. The agreement has to be ratified by UTLA members and the Board of Education to go into effect. As of tonight, UTLA members have voted to approve the deal, and Alex Caputo Pearl announced that teachers would be back in classrooms tomorrow.

- [UTLA Summary](#)
- [LAUSD Summary](#)
- [Full Tentative Agreement](#)

The tentative agreement appears to have included a promise that the board would vote on a symbolic resolution in support of a state-level charter cap. While charter law cannot be legally bargaining, as has been stated by both UTLA and LAUSD, the L.A. Unified board will vote on a resolution, which will be introduced by Richard Vladovic for a vote at the January 29 meeting, that appears to have come out of bargaining conversations. The resolution is an endorsement by the board for a comprehensive state study on charter policy and **a call for the state legislature to cap charter schools growth in LAUSD until the study is complete.** We ask that you hold next Tuesday open on your calendar to advocate on behalf of our school communities on this important issue.

The agreement includes other limited provisions affecting charters, most notably on co-location. We will be closely monitoring any deal struck by the board undermines the District's ability to fulfill its legal Proposition 39 obligations as a result of bargaining.

We will continue to update you as we learn more next steps to advocate on these important issues. Again, we ask that you continue to call into our member calls this week and that you hold space on your calendar to advocate at the January 29 school board meeting.

As always, please contact our team with any questions, and review consequential news media clips below:

- [KPCC/LAist on 1/22: LAUSD Teachers Strike Is Over. Here's What's In The Deal](#)
- [LA Times on 1/22: LAUSD teachers' strike ends. Teachers to return to classrooms Wednesday](#)
- [NY Times on 1/22: Los Angeles Teachers' Strike to End as Deal Is Reached](#)

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